

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1- 33 (canceled).

34. (new): A hinge-lid box, for a cigarette block (13) wrapped in an inner blank as pack contents, comprising a longitudinally extending box part (10), lid (11) and collar (12), the box part (10) having a relatively wide box front wall (14), a corresponding box rear wall (15), relatively narrow box side walls (16, 20) and a base wall (17), and the lid (11) having a relatively wide lid front wall (18), a corresponding lid rear wall (19), relatively narrow lid side walls and an end wall (21), **characterized by** the following features:

a) the lid (11) is connected in a pivotable manner to the box part (10) in a region of the lid rear wall (19), and to the box rear wall (15), by a transversely directed linear articulation (22)

b) formed above or beneath the cigarette block (13) is a free chamber (50, 51) which is bounded in an outward direction in a region of the lid (11) at least by the end wall (21), the lid front wall (18) and the lid rear wall (19) or in a region of the box part below the pack contents by the base wall (17), the box front wall (14) and the box rear wall (15), and is bounded in an inner direction by the cigarette block,

c) the chamber (50, 51) is arranged symmetrically in relation to a transverse, central vertical plane of the box, and

d) the end wall (21) or base wall (17) has a predominantly arcuate configuration, running from one lid side wall (20) to the other lid side wall (20) or from one box side wall (16) to the other box side wall (16).

35. (new): A hinge-lid box for a cigarette group wrapped in an inner blank – cigarette block (13) – or for other (block-shaped) articles as pack contents, comprising a box part (10), lid (11) and collar (12), the box part (10) having a relatively wide box front wall (14), a corresponding box rear wall (15), relatively narrow box side walls (16, 20) and a base wall (17), and the lid (11) having a relatively wide lid front wall (18), a corresponding lid rear wall (19), relatively narrow lid side walls and an end wall (21), **characterized by** the following features:

a) the lid (11) is connected in a pivotable manner to the box part (10) in a region of the lid rear wall (19), and to the box rear wall (15), by a transversely directed linear articulation (22)

b) formed above or beneath the cigarette block (13) is a free chamber (50, 51) which is bounded in an outward direction in a region of the lid (11) at least by the end wall (21), the lid front wall (18) and the lid rear wall (19) or in a region of the box part below the pack contents by the base wall (17), the box front wall (14) and the box rear wall (15), and is bounded in an inner direction by the cigarette block,

c) the chamber (50, 51) is arranged symmetrically in relation to a transverse, central vertical plane of the box, and

d) the end wall (21) or base wall (17) comprises a plurality of in each case planar sections which are directed at an angle to one another, namely two obliquely directed side sections (25) and a horizontally or transversely directed central section (26), and

e) the obliquely directed side sections (25) adjoin the side walls (20, 16), and the central section (26), at an obtuse angle in each case.

36. (new) The hinge-lid box as claimed in claim 34 or 35, **characterized in that** lateral sub-regions of the end wall (21) and base wall (17) are continuations of the lid side walls (20) and the box side walls (16), and are extensions, namely end tabs (27, 28), of inner lid side tabs (30) and box side tabs (29).

37. (new): The hinge-lid box as claimed in claim 36, **characterized in that** the end wall (21) and the base wall (17) are of at least double-layered design in a central section (26), by virtue of a crosspiece (35) being arranged on the outside of the end wall (21) or base wall (17), with end regions of the end tabs (27, 28) being fastened on an inner side of the crosspiece (35).

38. (new): The hinge-lid box as claimed in claim 34, **characterized in that** the end wall (21) and base wall (17) have rounded side sections (25) and a planar, transversely directed central section (26), with the side sections (25) being of at least partially elliptical design or being parts of ellipses, the side sections (25) adjoining the side walls (16, 20) with a relatively pronounced curvature and merging into a horizontal central section (26).

39. (new): The hinge-lid box as claimed in claim 37, **characterized in that** both the lid front wall (18) and lid rear wall (19), and also the box front wall (14) and box rear wall (15), conform to the contour of the end wall (21) and base wall (17) and are connected to one another in the central section by the crosspiece (35).

40. (new): The hinge-lid box as claimed in claim 37, **characterized in that** the end wall (21) and base wall (17), in sub-regions outside the crosspiece (35), are supported on a free

edge of the lid front wall (18) and lid rear wall (19) or box front wall (14) and box rear wall (15), by way of a broadening (42) provided on the end tabs (27, 28).

41. (new): The hinge-lid box as claimed in claim 34 or 35, **characterized in that** the chamber (50) is formed only in the region of the end wall (21), above the cigarette block (13), by a corresponding design of the end wall (21), and in that a base wall (48) is designed in a planar manner in order for the cigarette block (13) to butt against the inside of the base wall (48).

42. (new): The hinge-lid box as claimed in claim 34, **characterized in that** sub-regions of the end wall (21) and of the base wall (17), namely end tabs (27, 28) connected to the lid side walls (20) or to the box side walls (16), butt against free peripheral edges of the lid front wall (18) and lid rear wall (19) or against free peripheral edges of the box front wall (14) and box rear wall (15) in a region of a broadening (42) of the end wall (21) or base wall (17).

43. (new): A hinge-lid box for a cigarette block (13) wrapped in an inner blank as pack contents, comprising a longitudinally extending box part (10), lid (11) and collar (12), the box part (10) having a relatively wide box front wall (14), a corresponding box rear wall (15), relatively narrow box side walls (16) and a base wall (17), and the lid (11) having a relatively wide lid front wall (18), a corresponding lid rear wall (19), relatively narrow lid side walls and an end wall (21), **characterized by** the following features:

a) the lid (11) is connected in a pivotable manner to the box part (10) in a region of the lid rear wall (19), and to the box rear wall (15), by a transversely directed linear articulation (22),

b) formed above the cigarette block (13) is a free chamber (50) which is bounded in an outward direction: by the end wall (2) which is obliquely directed and roof-shaped and which extends across the full width of the box; by the lid front wall (18); and by the lid rear wall (19),

c) lid side walls (20) and box side walls (16) have extensions, namely end tabs (27, 28) of inner lid side tabs (30) and box side tabs (29), and

d) the end tabs (27, 28) are extended beyond the cigarette block (13) in the planes of the lid side wall (20) and box side wall (16) and are folded over into an obliquely directed plane of the end wall (21), at a distance above the cigarette block (13), to form a peripheral edge (54, 55) and butt against said end wall (21) on the inside.